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## Bible Conference Speakers Chosen

Charles Trentham and Ken Chafin are featured speakers for the 1978 Mississippi Baptist Convention Bible Conference, to be held March 20-21, at Jackson's First Baptist Church.

The conference, which begins, Monday Mar. 20 at 6:45 p.m., includes two messages each by Trentham and Chafin and eight on-going Bible book conferences. Sessions end at 9:30 p.m. Mar. 21.

Trentham is pastor of First Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., in which the President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, holds membership. Chafin is pastor of Houston, Tex. South Main Baptist Church. He is former director of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Participants may choose one of the following books of the Bible and take part in five hours of classes on that book: 1 Peter, Matthew, Ephesians, Romans, Nehemiah, Acts, Hebrews, and Galatians.

Ray Frank Robbins of New Orleans Seminary will teach the classes on 1 Peter; Harold S. Songer of Southern Seminary will have Matthew; Curtis Vaughn of Southwestern Seminary will have Ephesians; Dale Moody of

Southern has Romans; Stuart Arnold of the Baptist Sunday School Board has Nehemiah; Scott L. Tatum of Southwestern has Acts; Ralph Murray of the Sunday School Board has Hebrews; and Boyd Hunt of Southwestern has Galatians.

### Church Architecture

## Energy And Design Specialists Offer Info

Church Building Conferences to be held in March at First Baptist Church in Oxford and Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg will feature the commercial marketing manager of the Mississippi Power and Light Company.

M. E. Price of the MP&L will join other building and energy specialists in the two conferences set up for convenience to North and South Mississippi residents.

Larry Black, minister of music at the host church will lead music for the conference.

Child care for preschoolers will be provided during all sessions of the Bible conference.

The two sessions will meet at Oxford, First, on March 6, from 1:30-5:30 p.m. The Hattiesburg, Temple, session meets March 7 during the same time period.

Joining Price on the program will be James Storey, a Jackson mechanical engineer; Warren McClesky, a Hattiesburg architect; and Nathan Bullock, executive vice president of Church Finance, a Jackson institution.

Dennis Conniff, church architecture consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has included on the program a number of subjects that should be of interest to church members who are either planning to build, or who are desiring to save money on existing structures.

Program topics include: "Multi-Use Buildings — More Money, Less (Continued on page 3)

## Ongoing Doctrine Study Features "Man" In 1978

Pastors and other persons interested in being trained as instructors for the Baptist Doctrine Study, THE DOCTRINE OF MAN, by William Hendricks, are urged to attend a seminar on March 2 or 3. All of these seminars will be held from 9:30 until noon.

On March 2, the following places are sites for seminars: Washington Association Baptist Center, Greenville; Calvary Church, Batesville; Bayou Church, Gulfport; Copiah-Lincoln Baptist Center, Brookhaven; and Briarwood, Jackson.

On March 3, the following places will host seminars: Fairview Church, Columbus; Bissell Church, Tupelo; William Carey College, Hattiesburg; and Lauderdale Association Baptist

Center, Meridian.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Church Training Department is sponsoring the seminars.

Joe Odle, retired editor of the Baptist Record will be seminar leader at Washington Association Baptist Center and Fairview Church, Columbus. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary, Jackson will lead at Calvary Church, Batesville; and Bissell Church, Tupelo. Fisher Humphreys, professor of theology, New Orleans Seminary, will lead at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, in the Thomas Business Building, Kresge Room; and at Copiah-Lincoln Baptist Center in Brookhaven. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg, Tupelo, will lead at



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Briarwood Church, Jackson; and Lauderdale Baptist Center, Meridian. Billy Simmons, professor of New Testament and Greek, New Orleans Seminary, will lead the seminar at the Bayou Church, Gulfport.

The purpose of this study is to help church members better understand the nature of humanity, survey the ways God has dealt with human beings, and what he is doing with people and for people, explore the implications of human history for daily life, strengthen the ties of church fellowship, and provide a thorough foundation in a major doctrine for our faith.

The suggested time for having this study in the churches is April 17-21, but it could be held anytime during the year.

### Simpson Baptists Call Schilling

Simpson County Association has called H. Glen Schilling as director of missions. He has moved to Simpson County from Central Church, Brookhaven, where he had been pastor two and one-half years.

Simpson County Baptists will hold open house and reception in honor of the Schillings, at the missionary's home at Weathersby, (Continued on page 2)



Schilling

## RAs Will Invade MC Campus For Congress

All Mississippi Royal Ambassadors and prospects for RAs are invited to the 1978 Royal Ambassador Congress to be held March 24-25, at the A. E. Wood Coliseum at Mississippi College in Clinton.

The Congress will feature a number of Christian sports figures on the program, including Paul Anderson, billed at the "World's Strongest Man."

Other sports figures include George Plasketes, All American Defensive End on the University of Mississippi football squad; and Bob Tyler, head coach for Mississippi State University.

In addition, Tommy Baddley, pastor

of First Baptist Church in Brandon will be featured.

The congress is set up for boys in grades 1-12 and costs \$10 per person (boys and adults). The \$10 pays for three meals at the Mississippi College cafeteria, lodging at the college, official state congress patch, and insurance.

All meals will be served in the MC cafeteria and each person will need to bring along a sleeping bag or bed roll. RA Chapters with tents are encouraged to camp overnight in space to be provided on campus.

The congress is being sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Brotherhood Department. Send a \$2 registration fee for each person in the group to R. A. Congress, Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, along with the leader's name, address and phone number. Tell whether the group will be staying in their own tents.

Registration is due by March 17.

### State CP Gifts Reach \$666,730

Gifts from Mississippi Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program for January amounted to \$666,730, according to an announcement from the office of Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

This is an increase of 20.1 percent over the first month's gifts of 1977. Kelly said, when the total was \$555,182. It was, however, \$52,937 short of being one-twelfth of the annual budget figure of \$8,636,000. The monthly figure would be \$719,667. Kelly pointed out that figures for one month provide a comparison only and cannot serve as indicators because the gifts for some months will be substantially higher than one-twelfth of the budget figure.

The budget for 1978 is \$707,994 more than the total income of \$7,928,006 for 1977. This is an increase of 8.9 percent.

Charles E. Holladay, state superintendent of education and Mildred Crider of Mississippi College will be featured speakers on the program of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association annual convention at the Sheraton-Biloxi Motor Hotel, Biloxi, next week, February 23-25.

Holladay will be speaking Friday afternoon on the subject "A Public Educator looks at the Religious Educator" and Crider will speak Friday afternoon on the subject "The



Crider



Holladay

## Baptist Educators Invite Chief of Public Schools

Role of the Woman in Today's World and particularly in Church-Related Vocations".

Holladay is a native of Newton County, has professional educational experience as a classroom teacher, high school assistant principal and principal, and has served as superintendent of schools. He is a member of Clinton First Baptist Church, having served in capacities from teacher to deacon.

Crider is professor of education and



Terry Buford (standing) visits with W. J. "Dub" Hughes, a Mississippian from Lincoln County, who is area director of missions in a 73,000 square mile area of eastern Montana. Southern Baptist work is difficult in the huge area and Southern Baptists are a distinct minority. Buford, a bachelor, is pastor of Opheim Baptist Church, the farthest north Southern Baptist Church in the continental United States. (HMB photo by Walker Knight)

## Montana "Pioneer" Churches Struggling

By Walker L. Knight  
CIRCLE, Mont. (BP) — Southern Baptists may be big nationally, but in the eastern half of Montana, an area of 73,000 square miles of mountains, ranches and farms, the 12.9 million member denomination is a distinct minority.

For this reason and some others, the constituting of the Circle Baptist Churches in Circle — county seat of McCone County — became an occasion of some note, despite the fact that the church has only 24 members, no property and a pastor who has been on the field only a few months.

Churches are hard for Southern Baptists to come by in these parts. In all of the 73,000 square miles, there are only three associations, representing 18 churches, plus seven church-type missions. These also include two churches on the Northern Cheyenne and the Fort Peck Indian Reservations which are led by missionary couples.

The 25 congregations, by anyone's standards, are small. A church with 100 in Sunday School is medium sized here. Communities in Montana — where ranches are measured in sections (640 acres to a section) rather than acres — are small.

Statistically, Southern Baptists represent only one percent of the 694,000 population of the state. Baptists of all affiliations comprise only three percent of the population.

According to the Southern Baptist Evangelism Index, prepared by the denomination's Home Mission Board, some 51 percent of the people of Montana claim adherence to some church, but Catholics and other non-evangelicals represent almost half of

that figure.

Circle Church, sponsored by First Baptist Church of Wolf Point, 50 miles to the north, started a little more than a year ago when members of the mother church moved here. A Bible study was formed in an apartment and eventually the Masonic Lodge basement was rented.

Keeping the Circle group strong proved difficult, and when Ray Willis was invited to come in view of a call, only one member showed up for the service. Others were contacted by telephone, and he accepted, encouraged by the fact two adults came on profession of faith and one on promise of a letter during the service.

Willis, a native of Illinois, graduated from seminary in June, and since moving to Circle in July has had professions or additions to the mission nearly every Sunday. The Sunday after the church was constituted, five persons presented themselves for baptism and three more came by letter.

The week following constitution, the church bought property and made plans to build. So far, high attendance

has been 55 persons.

Circle's future is bright, much brighter than for many of the small towns in Montana. It sits astride one of the largest coal deposits in the nation and construction is under way for an industry that will mine the coal for fuel and will manufacture fertilizer. Nearly 3,000 new residents are on the way. It will triple the current population of 1,100.

Area director of missions W. J. Hughes, a six-foot, six-inch giant whose boots and Stetson hat make him appear seven-feet tall, cites half a dozen places in eastern Montana which are responding to the hard work and vision of men such as Willis.

At Glasgow, where Calvary Baptist struggled just to stay alive after the Air Force base closed. Pastor Bob Walker has led the way to new life. A retired Air Force sergeant at the base, Walker had only 12 persons in his congregation on his first Sunday. Now, more than 100 attend as the church continues to grow.

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## Four Events Added To Gulfshore Calendar

An overwhelming response to the reopening of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian this summer has forced the addition of four Youth Conferences to the calendar. Because of these additions, church groups which have requested a certain day or

option date, have been given reservations, "as close to their date as possible," according to Gulfshore manager, Frank Simmons.

Simmons is contacting each group as to the date assigned. If there are any questions or problems about assignment of dates for Youth Conferences, Simmons asks for the group to recontact him.

Elsewhere in the Baptist Record is the current schedule of events for the summer at Gulfshore. "Space is limited," says Simmons, to whom reservations should be sent care of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571. Phone 452-7103.

Any questions as to content of the programs offered should contact either the convention board office involved or the office of Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson.

In addition to the planned conferences, weeks, and mini-weeks, other groups are allowed to reserve the use of the facilities, when not in conflict with other programs after May 5, which is the date of dedication for the facility which has been closed since it was destroyed in 1969 by Hurricane Camille.

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## Evangelism Conference

# "God Has Called You And Me To Proclaim With Boldness"

Maurice Flowers, director of missions for Jones Baptist Association, told participants that "God has called you and me to proclaim with boldness the message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

To preach with boldness, said Flowers, one needs to have "contact with Jesus, an effective fervent prayer life, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and have confidence in God."

"Preaching will never become more real to the man in the pew than it is to the man in the pulpit," said Tommy Tutor, pastor of Holy Springs First Baptist Church.

"The cutting edge of evangelism is no longer in our church building — that's where the baptized are — the cutting edge is out in the shops . . . in schools . . ." said Paul Rees, Bible teacher for the 1978 state Evangelism Conference in Gulfport. The conference is sponsored annually by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Evangelism Department, directed by Roy Collum.

Frank Crumpler, who directs evangelism planning and consultation for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, used II Sam. 21:15 for his biblical text.

"When David killed Goliath, he had not killed his last giant," said Crumpler. David couldn't kill the giant and Abishai had to do it. "You can't win over today's giant with the strength of yesterday's commitments," said Crumpler, bringing the giant killing to the everyday battles of Christian living. "God can use the most unlikely subjects as the object of His purpose," he said, adding "We must really believe that there is more yet to do than we have ever seen."



Tom Gambrell, right, of the Baptist Bookstore in Jackson, offered a variety of books during the evangelism conference, a service the bookstore offers during many of the statewide Baptist meetings.

Ken Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Tex., offered participants in the state Baptist Evangelism Conference meeting at FBC, Gulfport, a handle for doing evangelism in the local church. "They call it Sunday school," he said.

It works, he said. "Assuming the goal of Sunday school is ministering to the needs of people," and assuming the worship services fill their needs. "There's no way to build a church where people don't enjoy going to a worship service," he said.

Chafin said that Southern Baptists which have built so strongly on the Sunday school emphasis, "is not giving that same emphasis today." He said that Sunday school is the place in church where community is created, "where people are given identity and discover meaning in life. Community is not established in a preaching service, it's established in a class setting."

"Sunday school is my number one ally for young marriages and it's the best structure the church has for ministry in times of bereavement," Chafin said that if a person dies, when he gets to that person's home, "people from Sunday school will have beaten me there by an hour and a half."

He said Sunday school is the best place for training laity the church has. "Sunday school provides an endless source of personnel for loving ministry," he said.



The Churchmen Handbells, a group of musicians from the Mississippi Singing Churchmen, ministered during the evangelism conference with several hymns.

Jerry Clower, Yazoo City entertainer visited the evangelism conference telling a few of his down home tales. He explained that in late February, he'd appear with Minnie Pearl on the Grammy Awards show on television. He said there would be ladies with short dresses, and with dresses split up both sides "almost up to the butt. Even though they fling a craving on me, it motivates me to want to go home to mama like God said," said Clower. He added, "That's what I'm trying to say in Playboy, but he ain't as cultured as me."

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Robert Cooper, 88, a pioneer church musician from Aberdeen, led a session in music for the evangelism conference. "I started to sing the same year as B. B. McKinney," Cooper led a revival in FBC, Gulfport, where the conference was held last week, 59 years ago. That's a long time between visits.



The Keesler Soul Group sang during one session.



Combined choirs from Gulf Coast and Jackson Associations presented special music.

Englewood, N. J. (RNS) — The head of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America has issued an "archpastoral directive" forbidding parishes to sponsor bingo games after the end of this year. "Bingo," he said, "has been proven to be a detriment which has steadily destroyed the Christian spirit of sacrificial giving. Moreover, bingo is not compatible with our Christian ethics and teaching. How can we teach our children that gambling is sinful and at the same time continue to gamble in our church facilities and otherwise. Gambling in the name of a patron saint cannot and will not be tolerated."

Luanda, Angola (RNS) — The Marxist government of Angola has shut down the Roman Catholic radio station, Radio Ecclesia, in the west-central African nation. The government's action came after the nation's Roman Catholic bishops, in a joint pas-

toral letter read in all Catholic churches, accused the Neto government of "frequent and lamentable violations of religious freedom," complained that Mr. Neto was carrying on "systematic propaganda in favor of atheism," and had "silenced" Radio Ecclesia.

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Accrediting Commission of the National Home Study Council has renewed its accreditation of the Home Study Institute of the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department in Nashville. Acting on a report from an examining committee which visited the Seminary Extension offices last fall, the commission granted the renewal "without stipulation." William A. Fowler, executive secretary of the Washington-based commission, noted that they were "most impressed with the high quality of the (Home Study) Institute's educational programs and service."

Malaysia — Although Southern Baptists have not officially begun mission work in the country of Brunei north of here, some work is being done. Missionary Bobby Evans, assigned to Singapore, has received a visa for Brunei. When the visa was received, however, he and his wife, Dorothy, had just begun working with a new correspondence course in Singapore, making it impractical for them to move to the new field at this time. Evans is flying to Brunei for 10 days each month. While there he assists churches in the cities of Bandar Seri Begawan and Seria, according to Mrs. May (Russell A.) Morris, Southern Baptist missionary here.

## Simpson Baptists Call Schilling

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Feb. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. Schilling attended Mississippi College. He is married to the former Juanita Bond of Pike County. They have two daughters, Connie Taylor and Bonnie Jackson, and two grandchildren, all of McComb.

While in Brookhaven Schilling was president of Lincoln County Ministerial Association, vice-chairman of the Chaplaincy Association, chairman of the Exchange Club, and chairman of the Joint Missions Committee.

# Baptist Protest Over Israeli Law Continues

By Elizabeth F. Smith  
JERUSALEM, Israel (BP) — Baptists across Israel continue to react sharply to recent legislation which has the potential to limit Christian activity and endanger religious liberty.

Under the provisions of the December 1977 law, it will be illegal, as of April 1, 1978, to offer or receive material inducements to change religions.

Fuad Sakhnini, chairman of the Baptist association of churches and pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church, said, "Of course we are against any kind of material enticement to be given to people. But," he continued, "everything we do is done to influence people for the gospel, including preaching, teaching and helping. The difficulty lies in the interpretation which may be given to this aid. If it is interpreted that preaching the gospel is against the law, then we are ready to go to jail rather than to stop preaching."

Southern Baptist representative Dale G. Thorne adds: "Actually we are not interested in inducing people to change religion. Our interest is in introducing them to Christ. I don't feel that a person can be truly influenced to accept Christ by physical enticements."

"But the problem of this law is its disparaging attitude toward the Christian message," Thorne continued. "We are commissioned to spread the Christian message. There's possible danger of restricting freedom of Christians and people of all religions."

Robert L. Lindsey, Southern Baptist representative in Israel, said the intention of those who proposed the new law was "to give legal grounds for further intimidation of the Christian citizens and residents in Israel."

The Israel Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist representatives known locally as the Baptist Convention in Israel) and the association of Baptist churches have cooperated with the United Christian Council in its efforts to point out dangers of the law. The 20-member body believes the law offers opportunity to trap Christians and accuse them of bribery.

Although some Israeli journalists call this law the first real anti-missionary legislation ever attempted

in the 30-year history of Israel, a number of provisions exist in various laws dealing with conversion. The criminal code as it exists today also deals with the changing of religion by a minor.

Persons participating in ceremonies for the changing of religion of a minor are subject to a prison sentence. It's also against the law for minors to change religion without written consent of parent or guardian. Minors must change to the religion of one of the parents. Adopted children must be of the same religious background as the adoptive parents.

Jewish leaders have pointed out that

the law does not only include Christians but also Jews trying to induce others to convert to Judaism.

Fuad Hadda, Baptist deacon and assistant headmaster of Nazareth Baptist Schools, believes, however, this law is aimed mainly at the Christians "because they are the only group that has a call to go out and teach about Christ to all people. 'This law,' Hadda warns, "could be misused and become a dangerous weapon in the hands of scheming people."

Elizabeth (Mrs. James W.) Smith is a Southern Baptist representative serving in Israel.

# Elkins Outlines Myung Moon Religion

By Mini Ekas  
While in South Korea recently on a lecture tour, Chris Elkins, a former member of the Unification Church, outlined the theology of Sun Myung Moon, founder of the church.

Elkins' activities with the Unification Church were covered in an article which appeared in the Feb. 2 issue of *The Baptist Record*.

Moon was born Young Myung Moon in 1920 in South Korea and led a relatively uneventful life until 1936, the year Moon claims Jesus appeared to him in a vision on Easter. The theology which Moon developed is reported to have come from this encounter, and is recorded in *Divine Principle*, a book which has since been rewritten, and is in the process of being written again to include Buddhism, Hinduism and other religions, since the original version consisted of interpretations of Christian teachings.

Elkins said that Moon received a degree in electrical engineering, and that many of the diagrams in *Divine Principle* resembled engineering drawings. (Elkins stated that most anyone claiming the vision Moon claims would have gone subsequently to seminary to study theology.)

Moon founded the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World

Christianity in 1954 in Korea. His teachings according to Elkins in condensed form follows:

God is masculine and feminine, thus male and female reflect God, but only when the two are brought together can they reflect God fully. God created Adam and Eve at the age of 12, and commanded them to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion over the earth. The two were to be parents of a perfect race.

When Lucifer tempted Eve, it was not with an apple off the Tree of Knowledge as supposed — there was food all around — but rather Lucifer seduced Eve with sex and she in turn seduced Adam. This resulted in tainted blood when Cain was born, and the failure of Adam and Eve to produce the perfect race.

Lucifer seduced Eve because he was jealous — he wanted to receive the love that a child of God received, instead of being a servant. He saw this relationship as his only possibility.

After 2,000 years, Jacob became God's first victor in his defeat over evil represented in Esau. Then 2,000 years after that, Jesus was born of human parents with his mission being to produce the perfect race which Adam and Eve failed to produce. Jesus' mother was Mary, cousin of Elizabeth; both were maidens in the temple where

# What Should I Do When Confronted By Members Of Another Sect?

The Interfaith Witness Department of the Home Mission Board has developed guidelines for response when one is confronted by members of sects. First emphasis is to react with love and compassion, not hostility and rejection. "Remember," says Glenn Igleheart, department director, "your attitude is your strongest witness. Let this person feel the love of Christ coming through you." Other suggestions follow:

1. Ask "salesmen" to identify the group they represent; press for specific information about any "youth program," "drug abuse center," "missionary organization" referred to. Many groups have no such programs or centers.
2. Ask where the money goes and for what use. To Reverend Moon? To the Krishna Consciousness organization? For a local center? For national headquarters?
3. Do not give unless you desire to support the beliefs and activities of the cult.
4. Explain you are not donating to their cause because you disagree with their beliefs. Make clear you are not rejecting them as persons.
5. Do not attend weekend retreats of the Unification Church. Go to Krishna Consciousness meetings only if you feel secure in your Christian beliefs.
6. Give testimony to your faith. To the

Moonie, stress your trust in Jesus as complete Messiah. To a Krishna follower, point out that Christ cannot be viewed as one among many incarnations of the divine. He is unique.

7. Ask if they are willing to talk more about themselves and their faith. Your offer to talk may come at the right time in their journey. But do this talking in a setting away from their center, where they are surrounded by supporters.

For more information on the "new" sects, write:  
Interfaith Witness Department  
Home Mission Board, SBC  
1350 Spring Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30309.

# SBC Cooperative Program Sets Record In January

NASHVILLE (BP) — Bolstered by an all-time record month of giving, the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget has registered an 8.82 percent increase over last year after the first four months of the 1977-78 fiscal year.

Cooperative Program contributions total \$18,778,808 through January — more than \$1.5 million ahead of the same period last year. Total contributions for the year-to-date amount to \$27,427,505, including the \$18,778,808 figure and another \$8,648,696 in designated contributions. The grand total

tops last year by more than 2.1 million, or 8.41 percent.

Contributions to the Cooperative Program in January totaled \$5,784,485, a record for one month and the second time in Southern Baptist history Cooperative Program giving has topped \$5 million in a single month. The previous record of \$5,328,221 was set in January, 1977.

Total giving in January 1978, including the Cooperative Program amount and another \$7,401,460 in designated contributions, totaled \$13,185,945 — an 8.99 percent increase over January 1977.

Numerology is highly important, in Moon's religion. Three, four and 12 are among the good numbers, with six being an evil number. Marriage is essential for salvation, or restoration of evil. But before a member of the church can marry, he has to be responsible for three members coming into the church, be in the movement for three years, and men have to be at least 26 years old and women 24. Moon picks out the mates. His emphasis on marriage was evidenced in the mass marriage of 1975 when he united 1,600 couples. They were sent out into missions before the marriages were consummated.

Man upon perfection, becomes identified with God. Man exists in a three-dimension world; and upon death enters the fourth, which is a spiritual dimension. Therefore, there is no reason to fear death.

Elkins in his discussions made it clear that he does not believe Moon is the Messiah, which is the reason he left the movement. He said the followers of Moon are given biblical explanations in their teachings, that Moon has Bible characters down pat, and that any doubts Moonies have are to be dispelled, as they are taught doubts are from Satan.

(Ekas is on the staff of the HATTIESBURG AMERICAN).



# Buses Will Aid Atlanta SBC Parking Problem

ATLANTA (BP) — Extensive plans to simplify transportation problems have been made for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Atlanta, June 13-15.

About 20,000 persons will attend sessions in Atlanta's World Congress Center in the heart of downtown Atlanta.

Three special bus routes are already planned to bring convention-goers from downtown hotels to the World Congress Center. Twenty hotels within a 10-minute ride of the congress center have already committed 4,392 rooms to SBC messengers.

In addition, Atlanta Civic Center parking lots will accommodate 2,300 automobiles about one mile from the

SBC hall. Shuttle buses will carry messengers from this lot to the center. Cost for parking there is \$1 per day for SBC messengers.

Also, a fourth bus route is being considered serving the Northeast Expressway. Five major motels on this expressway have committed 1,200 rooms for SBC use.

Atlanta arrangements leaders have said that transportation plans are still flexible, depending upon how messengers make hotel reservations.

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) buses will be used. Fare will not exceed 35 cents.

William L. Self, chairman of local arrangements, said that some 5,000 public parking spaces are near the World Congress Center. But most of these spaces are filled during the day by working Atlantans.

"We are urging SBC messengers to plan to use a shuttle bus from their hotel, or park in the Civic Center lot and ride a MARTA bus to the World Congress Center," Self said.

"Messengers need to make reservations soon. Downtown hotels are already filling up. Address of the SBC Housing Bureau is 233 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta 30303," he said.

Hotel and motel reservations should be made on application forms printed in "The Baptist Program," or available from the Baptist state convention offices.

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## Schedule - Summer '78 Gulfshore Assembly

DATE	NAME OF EVENT	SPONSOR
May 22-24	Sr. Adult Conf. & Fair	Church Training
May 25-29	Youth Conf. I	Prog. Dtr's Office
May 30-June 2	Youth Conf. II	Prog. Dtr's Office
June 2-6	Youth Conf. III	Prog. Dtr's Office
June 6-10	Youth Conf. IV	Prog. Dtr's Office
June 10-14	Youth Conf. V	Prog. Dtr's Office
June 14-18	Youth Conf. VI	Prog. Dtr's Office
June 18-22	Youth Conf. VII	Prog. Dtr's Office
(Assembly grounds will be open at 1:30 for registration on your first day of your Youth Week. Youth Weeks close with the breakfast meal on the last day of your Youth Week. Guests are requested to check out by 9:00 a.m.)		
June 26-28	1st Church Trng. Mini-Week	Church Training
June 29-July 1	2nd Church Trng. Mini-Week	Church Training
July 1-3	Formerly Married Retreat	Christian Action Com.
July 3-7	Couples Communication Workshop	Christian Action Com.
July 7-13	Family Week	Church Music
July 13-18	Youth Music Conf. I	Church Music
July 18-22	Youth Music Conf. II	Church Music
(Assembly grounds will be open at 1:30 for registration on your first day of your Music Week. Music Weeks close with the breakfast meal on the last day of your Music Week. Guests are requested to check out by 9:00 a.m.)		
July 24-28	Pastor/Church Prog. Week	Miss. Bapt. Conf. Bd.
July 31-Aug. 2	1st Sunday School Mini-Week	Sunday School
August 3-5	2nd Sunday School Mini-Week	Sunday School
August 5-7	3rd Sunday School Mini-Week	Sunday School
August 7-9	4th Sunday School Mini-Week	Sunday School
August 9-12	Senior Adult Week	Church Training
August 12-18	Church Leadership Trng. Mini-Week	Brotherhood
August 18-21	Church Staff Development Mini-Week	Church Admn.
August 21-23	Music-Leadership-Adult (for music	Church Music
August 23-26	dtors and Adult choir members)	

## Baptist-Lutheran Conversations Are Planned

WASHINGTON — Theological conversations between representative Baptists and representative Lutherans will get under way in 1978, according to staff of the North American Baptist Fellowship and the Lutheran Council in the USA. Baptist participation had been authorized by the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance several years ago, and was confirmed by the General Committee of the NABF at its most recent meeting.

Six participants from each of the two "confessional families" will take part, chosen from among their North American church bodies. In addition, a visiting colleague from elsewhere in the world may be invited to join the meetings. Secretariat members Carl W. Tiller of NABF and Paul D. Opsahl of LCUSA will be responsible for the details of the arrangements.

The series of conversations is projected to occur at semi-annual intervals over a period of three years.

Prejudice is a lazy man's substitute for thinking.

Before passing judgment on a sermon be sure to try it out in practice.

The less power a man has, the more he brags of what he'd do if he had it.

Prepare and prevent instead of repair and repent.

## BSSB Changes Setup For Ridgecrest And Glorieta

By Bracey Campbell  
NASHVILLE (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board approved a number of recommendations to improve the use of Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Centers and elected Robert M. Turner as director of the conference center division in their semiannual meeting here.

The recommendations concerning the Baptist centers in New Mexico and North Carolina — dealing with a number of topics including rate structure and reservation procedures — came from a task force appointed last May.

Turner, 46, moves to the conference post from the position of manager of the accounting and control department in the board's management and services division. A native of Tennessee and a certified public accountant, Turner came to the board in 1958 and has served in a number of positions.

Steps taken by the trustees concerning the centers include:

—Approving a public relations campaign to reduce the number of cancellations and to help make the public aware of the problems caused by cancellations.

—Changing the date of reservation acceptance from January 1 to February 1, effective next year.

—Changing the policy to return none of the deposit to those who cancel during the last 30 days prior to a conference; to return only half of the deposit to those who cancel 30 to 59 days prior to conferences; and to return 100 percent of the deposits for those who cancel two months before a scheduled session.

—Approving a detailed study of procedures for processing reservations and cancellations.

—Basing room rates on a single occupancy and elimination of family discounts effective 1979.

—Offering special rates for youths who stay in bath-on-hall facilities and the development of a separate program for youths for as many weeks as feasible during the summer months.

The trustees also approved the establishment of a unit to support ethnic and black churches in the office of planning. Sunday School Board President Grady Cothen said the unit was established because of the increasing number of ethnic churches cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Lack of pep is often mistaken for patience.

God makes opportunities, but He expects us to hunt for them.

He said the unit will be organized with several persons of ethnic backgrounds who will be generalists representing all board interests to the general public.

Bob M. Boyd will move from the position of conference center director to temporary supervisor of the ethnic-support unit. Boyd, 50, a native of Hopkinsville, Ky., will also work with Baptist colleges, Bible schools and denominational groups to make them aware of the board's resources.

Bracey Campbell is supervisor of the news and information section, Office of Communications, Sunday School Board.

## FMB Said Ready To Meet Disaster Needs Promptly

BANANIER, Guadeloupe (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is prepared to "respond appropriately and promptly to disasters" in foreign lands with both humane and spiritual ministry, some 40 participants at the board's first disaster response training session were told.

Missionary personnel who coordinate disaster response met with Eugene Grubbs, the board's coordinator for worldwide response, and his associates at the four-day conference to share experiences in planning with others who had served in times of disaster. The major agreements which emerged from the conference were:

1. The best response from Southern Baptist Convention churches and individuals is to provide money for the Foreign Mission Board to make purchases of needed supplies.

2. Members of Southern Baptist churches who volunteer for work assignments in subsequent months should offer their services through state convention offices or the Foreign Mission Board so there can be coordination with missionaries on the scene.

Robert Zimmerman of Washington, U. S. government overseas disaster assistance officer under the Department of State, said to his knowledge this was the first such conference to include long-range planning. Uniquely, plans here were made at a conference center halfway up La Soufriere Mountain where a volcano 18 months ago threatened eruption and caused evacuation of 70,000 people to an adjoining island for six months.

Missionaries from Honduras and Guatemala, where Southern Baptists have conducted major reconstruction projects, shared liberally in the conference. Honduras was wrecked by Hurricane Fifi in 1974 and Guatemala had 23,000 killed in an earthquake in 1976.

Missionaries with experience in both Honduras and Guatemala emphasized that advance planning with national conventions will make response more effective. They also agreed local Baptist churches should be used as centers for distribution of relief supplies.

Grubbs told the conference an enlarged board coordination staff and experience in this decade guaranteed "appropriate and prompt" response to appeals from the field. He agreed with the missionaries that it was essential "to keep in mind the spiritual dimension and follow through with evangelism."

Two medical missionaries said a pastoral ministry is essential in an emergency. W. David Harms, Florida doctor assigned to Honduras, and Lee Baggett, Texas doctor serving in Mexico, gave as much attention to the pastoral as to the medical in their reports. Baggett said it was not unusual for disaster victims to stand in line for hours for medical attention when "a pastoral ministry was the major need."

Both Charles Bryan, area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, and James Cecil, a furloughing missionary working as associate consultant on laymen overseas, had high praise for volunteers who had gone to disaster areas to help rebuild churches and homes. "These men become home missionaries," Cecil said in reference to their returning to churches to tell their experiences on mission fields.

"We are using these volunteers in our own programs and priorities," Bryan said. He added that the long-range planning in the conference would make the work of volunteers more effective in addition to providing a quicker response from teams already assigned for emergency response.

"This is the most effective and significant thing our office will participate in this year except in the event of a disaster," Grubbs said of the conference.

Grubbs expressed his concern that Southern Baptists become more aware of needs resulting from disasters in areas more remote than the Caribbean and Middle America. He said Southern Baptists must be alert to continuing hunger in such places as Bangladesh and to disaster response assistance throughout the world.

The response coordinators were advised on how to purchase emergency supplies quickly in times of disaster, how to organize local residents to assist in relief centers, and left with the admonition from Bryan: "See the immediate need but keep your focus on the eternal."



Three Southern Baptist medical representatives with extensive experience in disaster relief confer about their experiences during the Foreign Mission Board's first Disaster Response Training Conference in Guadeloupe. From left are W. David Harms, working in Honduras; Lee Baggett, serving in Mexico; and Southern Baptist nurse Katharine Weldon, also working in Mexico.

## Mission Challenges Boyce School Director

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — When David Q. Byrd, then pastor of the West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., finished his Bold Mission Commitment Day sermon last October, he recalls, "I came near to responding to my own invitation."

He says that on his way home that Sunday, his wife, Floriene, "also had a deep feeling that God was calling us to some place that would be a vital part of Bold Mission Thrust." (Southern Baptists' program to spread the gospel to everyone in the world by the year 2000).

Two months later, Byrd answered

that call by becoming the new director of the Boyce Bible School, a branch of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Boyce School, now in its fourth year, is a training center for ministers who lack a college degree.

Byrd believes that these students are important to Bold Mission Thrust since many come to the school from outside traditional Southern Baptist areas. He points out that 8,000 Southern Baptist Convention ministers are currently without college degrees.

"God is calling more and more people into the ministry," he explains.

## Montana 'Pioneer' Churches Struggle

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Growth, he says, comes by one-on-one evangelism.

Walker's plain speaking and aggressiveness has alienated some of the town: "They call us fanatics and this Holy Hill," he said. The church has a bus, an active puppet ministry, services at the air base property where a small town is building.

Terry Buford serves in Opheim, 10 miles from the Canadian border. He volunteered to work during the summer, but now sees the church as God's place for him at the moment. A 25-year-old bachelor, Buford is better equipped to weather the financial strain such small situations place on ministers.

Church members feed him, house him and the congregation extends some finances. Another mission at Scooby provides support from a church in Mississippi. Buford also receives funds from friends in Arkansas and Tennessee.

For every success there's a failure. Hughes said that of 10 pastors who came to eastern Montana last year, five left within a year. Mission dollars keep alive those who stay. The funds

come from the state, the Home Mission Board or from churches who support these missions and small churches directly. Churches in Montana are affiliated with the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, which also covers Southern Baptist work in three additional states — North and South Dakota and Wyoming.

The pastors who do come to stay see their fields in much the same way as foreign missionaries, expecting little rapid growth and long periods of building acceptance and gaining conversions.

## Energy . . .

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Money"; "Recently Completed Buildings — Looking at Building Costs"; "Musts for New Buildings"; Maintaining Church Buildings"; "Pastors' Financial Planning"; "Pastors' Financial Planning"; "Cut Energy Costs or Cut Program?"; "Is a Cheap Piece of Energy Cheap?"

Suppliers of all items used in churches will be in attendance with personnel, samples and brochures.

## Our Missions Task "Look To The Rock . . ."

"LOOK TO THE ROCK FROM WHICH YOU WERE HEWN" (Isa. 51:1).  
By Clarence H. Cutrell, Consultant  
Stewardship Department

These words of exhortation were spoken to Israel in the days of exile in Babylon when hope burned low, and the people of God despaired of the power of their God to deliver them from such a dismal situation. They felt that they were few in number and pitifully weak. It seemed such a long time since the power of God's arm had been demonstrated in their midst. Now they are urged to look to the past, to Abraham their father, "the rock from which you were hewn."

The Lord says to them, "I called Abraham when he was but one and made him many." The implication is that the Israelites in exile were still the people of Abraham's God who never changes, neither in nature, in power, in purpose, nor in plan. Circumstances alter but our God is ever the same.

Therefore, in any and all situations, the followers of Jesus Christ the Lord need to peruse the pages of the past and pay heed to the lessons taught there. This is true in days of great challenge and opportunity as well as in times of black despair. It is true for Southern Baptists who in this day of unparalleled prosperity have committed themselves to "Bold Mission Thrust," who have declared to the world their intention to witness to every person in the world by the year 2000. Some may think of it as an impossible task. And such it is unless we "look to the rock from which we are hewn."

Remember the depression? In that era when debt and little income plagued Southern Baptists, we found ourselves in 1925 so burdened down that many despaired of the convention's future. Others advised steep cut-backs in all of the work of our boards and agencies. Some felt that the Home Mission Board should be discontinued.

But in that dark day God moved to meet the needs by raising up great spiritual giants such as C. E. Maddy of the Foreign Mission Board and J. B. Lawrence of the Home Mission Board who along with leaders of other boards and institutions refused to accept retreat or even retrenchment but committed themselves to expansion and debt payment. Perhaps Dr. Lawrence gave best expression to this commitment. When approached by the creditors of the Home Mission Board to settle the debt with generous discounts he replied, "We do not desire to receive a discount on our just debts. We will pay them in full. Just give us a little time and you will not lose one dollar." (Quoted from *The Southern Baptist Convention and Its People* by Robert Baker, Page 395.) In 1943 the dream of a debt-free convention became a reality.

Today Southern Baptists face another great challenge but within the framework of an economic situation quite the opposite of the depression era. We have in our possession now more money than we know how to manage and technological means of sharing the gospel, the vast scope of which most of us are little aware. But the possession of all of this wealth brings out human weaknesses — selfishness, laziness, lack of commitment — which could easily be our undoing. Therefore, if BOLD MISSION THRUST is to be a reality, we too must "look to the rock from which you were hewn." God must still be our strength and our deliverer.

## 'Christian Single' Approved By Board

NASHVILLE (BP) — A monthly magazine for single adults, "Christian Single," will begin publication by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in April 1979.

The magazine, in the design process for three years, was approved by the trustees at their January 31 meeting in Nashville and will be produced by the family ministry department.

"There's no magazine for single adults in our denomination," said Joe Hinkle, secretary of the board's family

## Educators Invite Public Schools Man

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Nashville and Clifton Perkins, director of Church-minister relations of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson.

A special conference for church and denominational secretaries will parallel the meeting of the larger group and will be under the direction of Doris McWilliams, Pastor's Secretary and Office Manager, First Baptist Church of Tampa, Fla.

still available and contact should be made directly with the hotel. Membership registration can be made upon arrival.

Serving as officers of the Association this year are James Webster, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, president; Phil McCarty, Mississippi College, Clinton, president-elect; Billy Hudgens, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, vice-president; and Mrs. Agnes Batson, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, secretary.

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## Editorials

### Evangelism Conference . . .

## The Task Is Before Us

The Evangelism Conference at First Baptist Church in Gulfport last week sounded a positive note for a return to the basics in witnessing to the lost communities around us and to a lost world.

From an enthusiastic beginning with 1,200 in attendance on Monday evening, the conference continued through its three-day course with a high interest and a good spirit.

Speakers were outstanding and ranged from the calm but probing words of Paul Rees of World Vision magazine to the home-spun wit and pointed remarks of Jerry Clower of Yazoo City. In conversations, appreciation was expressed repeatedly for the messages of Ken Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church of Hous-

ton, Texas.

Others speakers were as well received and provided much inspiration.

The music was outstanding. From the duet by Myrna Loy Hedgepeth and Cecil Harper to a performance by the Keesler Soul Choir, many high moments provided by music during the conference.

In short, it was a fine conference. It was inspirational. It was motivational.

Now remains the work. Such conferences are useless unless they can move us to go back to our places and put our inspiration into action. We must reverse the decline in the rate of baptisms during the past few years. We must reverse that trend by being out witnessing where ever the need is found.

The conference was a mountain-top experience, and it was one that was sorely needed. It is over, however. We could build no tabernacles up there. We have no choice but to descend back into the valley, but that's where the lost are. And, after all, that is what the conference was all about.

Our work is laid out and well-charted. We can accomplish our mission if we will work out our plans.

To accomplish our task, however, there is one essential ingredient that must be a part of our preparation regardless of how well we have planned. That is time on our knees to lay the work to be done and our efforts in doing it in the hands of the Lord.

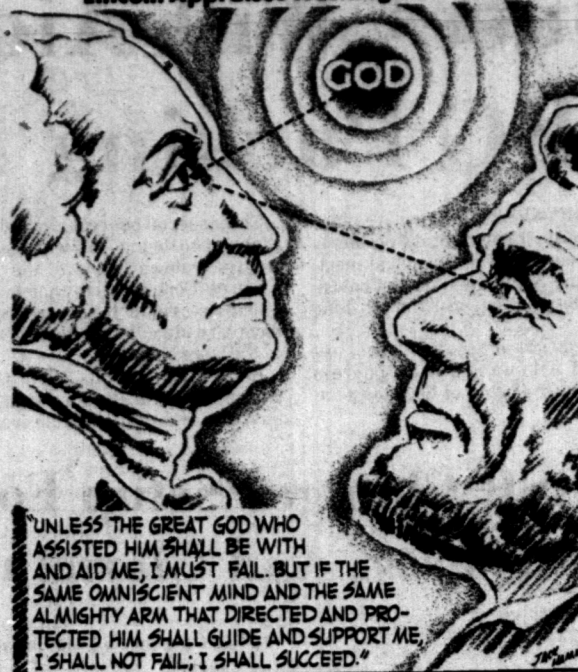
Only then can we succeed. After that we cannot fail.

## Book Reviews

**ROADS TO REALITY** by Joyce Blackburn (Fleming H. Revell, \$6.95, 158 pp.) The writer selected for this book some of the most sensitive and revealing writings of 17 dynamic women, living in modern times. The writers were chosen from all walks of life, and have felt the powerful presence of God in their lives. In this book they share experiences of a very personal nature which reveal how God speaks to them through His Word, how He makes His will known through situations and people, and how their prayers have been answered. Some of those included are Edith Schaeffer, Eugenia Price, Dale Evans, and Catherine Marshall.

**SOME RUN WITH FEET OF CLAY** by Jeannette Clift (Fleming Revell, 127 pp., \$5.95) The author, star of "The Hiding Place," demonstrates that even Elisha, Hannah, David, Elijah, and Joshua stumbled and erred as they learned to run with human feet of clay. She personalizes the Bible accounts in meaningful terms for the average person and makes the people in the Bible come alive as real and very fallible people so that we can all relate to them and their problems. She says that it is the message of the Bible that is perfect, and not the messengers that God used. Clift's message in this book is that God loves us as we are and will use us in our imperfections, even as He used the people in the Bible for His plan.

### Lincoln Appraises Washington's God



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Do you know Florence Powell Harris? She's been a good friend of mine for quite a long time. It's fun to go over to her house in Clinton, taste her gourmet cooking, admire her exquisite objects of art, and talk about the days when she was a missionary in China. She told me the other day that she is 88.

Perhaps you did not know she had two severe heart attacks last year, one in the spring and the other at Christmas when she was visiting her daughter Miriam in Michigan. She is back home now, but is still weak and must rest a lot.

She was born in Mexico, of missionary parents. She and her late husband Hendon were Baptist missionaries to China from 1910 until 1947.

Several years ago Mrs. Harris wrote an autobiography, *How Beautiful the Feet*. It intrigues me because it tells of a way of life in China that I suppose no longer exists.

When the Harrises and three of their children left for a few weeks vacation on Ki Kung (Rooster Comb) Mountain one day in June of 1937 they had no warning that the resort would be a hideout for missionary women and children the next ten months. War broke out and Japanese bombers began strafing Kaifeng, the city where they lived in Honan Province.

When it looked like Kaifeng would be captured by the Japanese, Mr. Harris urged his wife to take the children and go to Hong Kong. He would remain in Kaifeng and continue the work insofar as possible.

After she got her children situated in school in Hong Kong, Mrs. Harris was anxious to get back to Kaifeng. No route, land or sea, was safe. She prayed about the matter, and felt that the Lord was promising to give her strength for the trip. She was determined to try. Later she described the journey in her book:

Suddenly Mrs. E., a casual acquaintance, loomed on the scene and invited me to accompany her as far as Hankow. I felt it an answer to prayer.

This amazing woman, with limited education, had a superb command of our local Chinese dialect. She was widely known for her unbounded brashness.

We packed coffee, sugar, cocoa and canned butter in hampers to take back to our homes. Under the delusion that I would see Hendon in a few days I bought myself a navy blue dress with linen shoes and hat to match, a flattering ensemble, so I thought, in which to greet him.

Trains on the Hankow-Canton railway were not running the day we arrived by steamer in Canton. The next morning, though, we joined the hustling, jostling, panic-stricken throng at the station. Mrs. E. and I occupied two narrow little wooden train seats that faced each other.

We were hardly settled when my escort decided to go see that the baggage was on board. She warned me that if she wasn't back by 2 p.m. for me to get off the car. Having no watch or knowledge of Cantonese I did not know the time and could not ask. How was I to know when two o'clock came? Finally I did leave the

train, but I forfeited our hard-to-get seats. Worse still, a drenching rain came down in torrents through the shrapnel-torn station room and plastered my new hat to my head, causing blue dye to trickle down my face.

Later, when we made our way back to the car to claim our seats, they were occupied by two soldiers. After an argument over the space, my hefty, 180-pound chaperone said, "There is nothing to do but share the seats with them." With that she pushed her seat mate to the wall, so that he was crushed. Neither was my soldier boy too comfortable. In time they left us for good.

When I opened my combination medicine and make-up kit, Mrs. E. reached over and lifted it off my lap to re-arrange its contents, while mumbling, "Never have I seen such poor packing!" I had forgotten to bring a coverlet to sleep under and the nights through those mountains were very chilly. Mrs. E. generously allowed me to cover with the nether end of her quilt, so that all through those two nights, that quilt was pulled back and forth by its two chilled users. It was too narrow, too short, and too thin.

God was surely watching over us, for heavy clouds screened our train from airplanes those two days enroute. As they flew overhead, Mrs. E. and I thanked them separately, and Mrs. Harris finally got on a military train for Chengchow, the only woman on it.

Our train ran cautiously, "for there was much to fear. In the mid-morning of the next day the engine siren blew frantically, for the enemy planes were thought to be nearby. Hurriedly, all the passengers and crew jumped off the train and into the muddy fields and ran to hide in the gullies. When the all-clear whistle called us back, I was one black slimy mess. I paid one of the train employees a dollar to clean the blue linen shoes. Later, when we got a second alert, the travelers scurried off to hide again. When the train backed into a narrow valley to hide, it carried one lone passenger, Florence Harris; I reasoned that if God was going to see me through there was no need for me to be afraid.

This was the last, the very last train to Chengchow that reached it safely. The next train was bombed. After that the Chinese pulled up the rails and plowed over their beds for hundreds of miles. Here I was in Honan, my home, sweet home!

She still had 60 miles to go (and she was smuggling in paper currency for the China Inland Mission Hospital) but if you know Mrs. Harris you know she got there!

On the way she happened to meet an Episcopal missionary. He was astonished, "Mrs. Harris! I can't believe my eyes! Last Saturday Dr. Harris said he did not know how you could get home except God provide a way, but for us to pray for your return. I did not have faith enough to believe it possible but here you are in the middle of the Yellow River on your way to Kaifeng!"

If you would like to read more of her missionary adventures in China and the United States, you can order her book, *How Beautiful The Feet*, for \$5.00 plus a quarter postage. Just write to Mrs. Florence Harris, 108 Sunset Drive, Clinton, MS 39056.

### Christian Education . . .

## Seminaries, Colleges, Schools Day

Mississippi has three senior colleges among the 46 Southern Baptist - related senior colleges in the nation. There are seven junior colleges in the nation that are affiliated with state Baptist conventions, and one of them is in Mississippi. Our state does not have one of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, but one of them is located just across the Louisiana state line in New Orleans. Because there are more students there from Mississippi than from any other state, we sort of feel that it is our seminary.

Thus Mississippi Baptist churches should feel it a privilege to observe Southern Baptist Seminaries, colleges, and schools day on Feb. 19. This will be an opportunity to point out the ministry of our four colleges in Mississippi and examine the reasons that Baptist colleges offer the student a great deal more than would be received in a public institution.

First, the quality of education is every bit as high. The Baptist schools are studied by the same accrediting agencies that observe the public colleges, and the Baptist schools are all accredited. Their professors are every bit as able and as dedicated — if not more so.

Second, not only can the Baptist school provide an education of comparable quality, but it is free to do so from a Baptist viewpoint. Public institutions, of course, are not able to uphold particular denominational beliefs, and we would not want them to. They are using our tax money to provide an education for students, and denominationalism must have no part in it.

Third, the Baptist colleges are controlled by Baptists. The trustees of Mississippi's Baptist colleges are all Baptists, and they are elected during the annual session of the Baptist state

convention.

The four colleges in Mississippi offer these pluses to their students. They deserve the recognition they should receive on this coming Sunday. Likewise, the six seminaries are doing outstanding jobs in preparing the future leaders of Southern Baptist efforts.

Total enrollment for all the senior colleges for 1976-77 was 121,016. For the junior colleges the total was 8,337. This makes a total of 129,353 students in Southern Baptist colleges. In addition there were 2,851 in academies and 1,726 in Bible schools.

In all six seminaries there were 10,200 students, and this figure was augmented by 8,449 in extension work.

Thus we have a total of 152,579 students studying under Southern Baptist leadership. This deserves some attention. Lewis Nobles is president of Missis-

sippi College in Clinton. At Hattiesburg, Ralph Noonkester is president of William Carey College. Harold Fisher is the Blue Mountain College president at Blue Mountain. S. L. Harris is president of Clarke College at Newton.

In addition to electing the trustees of the four colleges, the Mississippi Baptist Convention also elects a 12-member Christian Education Commission. This body has general oversight of the convention's program of education, inaugurates and directs any programs of examination of the institutions, studies annual reports and audits, and makes recommendations as it needs to do so to the Convention Board relative to the institutions. Kermit McGregor, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, is chairman of the Christian Education Commission. Of the 12 members, six are pastors, three are educators not connected with convention institutions, and three are businessmen.

### Race Relations . . .

## An Every Day Matter

Last Sunday was Race Relations Sunday in Southern Baptist Churches. A death in the family caused the writer to be out of the state when this subject should have been discussed previous to the occasion.

Race relations, however, if practiced only on one day, are completely ineffective. Whatever position an individual or a body assumed in the matter of race relations for this past Sunday must be the position established on a permanent basis, or there is hypocrisy present.

Then what should be our posture concerning relations with races other than our own? If an individual or a group is to establish a racial position based on scripture, there seems little doubt of the relationship. The Jews felt themselves to be select people, but Peter's experience on the roof top in Joppa convinced him that he had been wrong. As it will be recalled, when he arrived at the house of Cornelius, who was a Roman, he declared (Acts 10:34, New American Standard Version), "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality."

Historically, peoples of different races and of the same race have treated those who are different with some lack of respect. The scripture,

however, plainly establishes that the Lord "is no respecter of persons," to quote the King James Version.

We have made tremendous strides in our relationships with those of other races. We probably have made more progress in that respect than we have regarding our relations with those who are different in other ways such as in-

come level. Let us not allow our movement toward better relationships among human being in all areas to slow down or become derailed.

We must practice good human relationships, racial and otherwise, every day. No other way of life can be supported as a scriptural basis.

## Letters To The Editor

### Reduced Schedule

Dear Mississippi Friends:

As all faithful readers of our BAPTIST RECORD will recall, I arrived at the historic three-score-and-ten milepost in the summer of 1977, and many of you have enquired of my plans for the years ahead. Because Mississippians, more than any other group in the world, have maintained a wonderful interest in and support of my work through continuing prayer, I am sending this message to answer wonderings.

From 1978 forward, it is my plan to fill a much reduced schedule of travel and speaking in order to have more time for writing, for possible participation to some degree in a tape ministry, and for just being in my beloved Mississippi for longer periods. Last year, for instance, I was gone for the overwhelming part of the year in a schedule which extended from Hawaii in the west to Delaware and Massachusetts in the east, leaving me little time and energy for writing and for accepting Mississippi invitations. Greater time at home will make possible my being available for activities close to home and close to my heart.

Despite the encroaching years, my "first love" continues to be in the area of youth speaking and counseling. In my schedule of reduced activities, it is still my hope to spend significant time in campus contacts, in youth conventions and retreats, and in other youth-related occasions.

With almost inexpressible gratitude to the vast number of you who have been prayer-investors in my work through the years, and with the hope that now I can be more useful to "at home friends" than in former years, I am

Chester E. Swor,  
902 Whitworth St.,  
Jackson, Mississippi.

### Mathis Anniversary

Dear Sir:

Sunday, March 5, will mark the 20th anniversary of service for our beloved pastor, Byron E. Mathis at Pascagoula's Calvary Baptist Church.

This day of recognition for the Mathis family will be marked by special services, a love gift, and other activities that will be announced at a later date.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of one of our projects designed to recognize 20 years of loyal, dedicated service to this church and the kingdom of our Lord.

It is our desire to build a book of letters from church members, fellow ministers, denominational leaders, etc., expressing appreciation for the 20 year ministry of Brother Mathis. These letters should be written or typed on standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper and returned to us as soon as possible.

Please try to get your letter to us by February 28th. The letters will be bound into a permanent book of remembrance and will be treasured by the Mathis family for many years.

All letters should be addressed as follows:

Letters  
Rev. James V. Miller,  
P. O. Box 2278  
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Your assistance in this project of appreciation will be deeply appreciated. We hope to hear from you soon.

Rev. James V. Miller  
Associate Pastor

### MK Trip Home

Dear Sir:

I am the son of foreign missionaries of the SBC in Italy. I am currently in my freshman year of college. A fellow

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missionaries' child has brought to my attention the fact that churches sponsor tour groups to Europe and the Middle East. I would like to go home for the summer, and am wondering if I could take advantage of the flights that these groups charter. Even a one way trip would be a great help.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Tim Watts  
100 Georgia Ave.  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Well, you still can use a dime for a screwdriver. — Empire - Courier, Craig, Colo.

The darkest hour has but sixty minutes. — Excelsior, Blakesburg, Iowa

Truth is stranger than fiction, because fiction has to stick to what you can make people believe is the truth. — Record, Snoqualmie, Wash.

## I Don't Need A Double Dip

By Porter Routh  
SBC Executive Committee

It was just a single dip ice cream cone. Since I am counting calories, I don't eat them very often, but the special for the month was banana nut and the picture on the window of yellow ripe bananas and fresh crunchy nuts was more temptation than I could bear.

It was just a single dip and the digital figure on the shiny new cash register signalled a bright red 31 cents. Thirty-one cents for a single dip. That is another good reason for not buying more banana nut cones.

Age does provide some perspective, and as I lovingly licked the cooling cream, my human computer brought back another day when a single dip

cone was only a nickle — five shiny pennies — with no tax.

How about my pastor? When he buys an ice cream cone for his kids, does he have to pay six times what his daddy paid when he was young? How about our missionaries? In some countries of the world a single dip would be over a half dollar — if you could get it.

That single dip cone got me to thinking about books . . . and boots . . . and beans . . . and beauty shops. The prices have all gone up. And, they are the prices my pastor and his family have to pay. They are the prices my church has to pay. They are the prices our missionaries have to pay at home and — even larger — around the world.

I must think about this more when I worship with my offering. I must think

about this more when our church considers increasing the percent for Cooperative Program — and when our state plans its division.

I really don't need a double dip.

Baptist Program

Annapolis, Md. (RNS) — Acting Gov. Blair Lee III of Maryland has asked the legislature to pass an emergency obscenity law to replace one which was ruled unconstitutional in December. A court ruling on Dec. 12 left Maryland without any laws controlling the distribution of sexually explicit materials. Its decision left in limbo several obscenity cases.



# MSC Volunteers Excited About Northern Wisconsin Challenge

MENOMONIE, Wis. (BP) — Their phone rings often with requests for help from people they don't know; church members constantly stop by their apartment in the fellowship hall; their church debt totals about \$3,000 per member and a Methodist church is scheduled to build right next door.

So why are Elgin and Jean Lee so happy?

The first Southern Baptist Mission Service Corps volunteers assigned, the Lees bubble with enthusiasm in this chilly Wisconsin town. Elgin, who worked for 18 years on the Missouri Baptist Convention staff, seems continually amazed at what is going on at River Heights Baptist Church in Menomonee, the church he and his wife were sent here to save.

Alice Carter, church clerk and faculty member at Stout State University, explains that the new remaining members had about resigned themselves to closing the doors of the church by Christmas if they didn't get a pastor.

Then the wheels of Mission Service Corps, proposed only in June at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, ground into action. The Lees volunteered for two years service, bringing the name of a donor who volunteered to support them on the

field. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta learned of the needs of River Heights and asked the Lees to serve there.

"How about that?" Lee says with a comical, questioning smile that reflects amazement at the circumstances. But his eyes revealed a happy man with depth and understanding.

Lee's years as student director for Missouri Baptists serve him well in Menomonee, a town with 11,500 resident population where the main influence is the 6,500-student Stout State University, named after early lumber barons. River Heights' youth and assistant youth directors and pianist are Stout students and many other members are connected with the University.

From July until October, finances kept the church pastorless and the members began to despair. Carter tells Lee that the congregation, which had dwindled to about a dozen, was praying for a miracle and says unabashedly, "You are the miracle."

"What would they have done without the Mission Service Corps?" Lee asks. "This is the tremendous thing about Mission Service Corps. How would we have ever gotten up here? MSC takes the donor and finances, locates the

need and the missionary, and unites them."

Lee says if you're not Catholic or Lutheran, which two-thirds of the people are in the area, "you're not on the map." The community and even some discouraged church members questioned the need of a Southern Baptist church in Menomonee, the only Southern Baptist witness in a 120 mile area.

Associates in the ministerial alliance told Lee, "You mean you consider us a mission field?" But Lee says the telephone calls every week attest to the need of River Heights' witness in "Wild Rice," the Ojibwa Indian meaning of Menomonee.

"The challenge is just overwhelming," Lee says. "Of course the response has been overwhelming in every way. People are joining, attending, going. The response has been overwhelming and the potential is even greater than that. Weekly, we get calls for help."

Although only on the field a short time, the word is already out that Elgin Lee is a pastor who will help, even if you're not a member of his church. "We don't proselyte, but we go to meet needs," he says. As a result, River Heights has visitors in nearly every service.

Lee is endowed with a self-deprecating humor and free flowing speech that puts a visitor immediately at ease. Jean, Lee's tall, eloquent wife of 11 years, is in charge of the church's music and gives piano lessons. She says at River Heights, where attendance has reached 60 in the few short weeks after their arrival, "anyone who thinks they can sing, gets to."

As the homemaker, Jean has overcome numerous problems that living

in a church's fellowship hall can cause. Their apartment is basically one big room, partitioned by the strategic placement of furniture. Visitors ring the doorbell outside the church and one of the Lees must go down the hallway to let them in. They make the same trip to use the restroom.

Lee plans to see River Heights through until it is self-supporting. "Then we might consider becoming pastor here or taking another Mission Service Corps assignment, perhaps overseas this time," he says.

Words of the future are heady talk for a man who leads a church that only weeks ago was planning its final service. But the Lees have the tools and enthusiasm to make it work.

How about that?

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River Heights Baptist Church would have ceased operations by Christmas but the first Mission Service Corps couple arrived and Miles and Jean Lee say prospects are now bright for a prosperous church.

## Chinese Seminary Student Finds Christ In Mississippi

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Emily Lau, a religious education major at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, came to the United States from Hong Kong three years ago to obtain a college education. She found Christ in the process.

As she now prepares for full-time youth or social ministry, much of her concern lies in Hong Kong with her atheist family and friends.

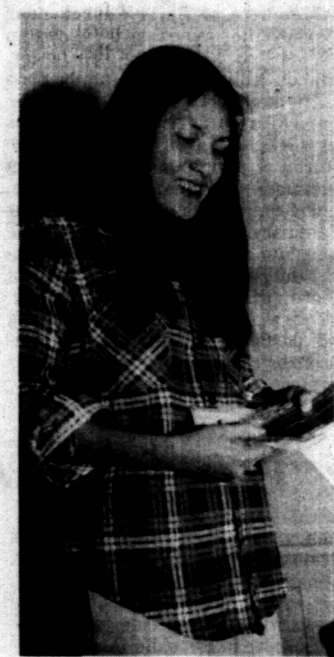
"They have found it hard to accept my decision to follow Christ. I feel I have a strong ministry back home, showing them how he transformed me," the Chinese student says.

Miss Lau, 22, sends her family the salary she earns each week working as a secretary at a Chinese church in New Orleans. Her seminary expenses are paid by the First Baptist Church of Columbus, Miss., where she professed Christ and was baptized last year.

Miss Lau first became interested in the Christian life at the International House for foreign students in Springfield, Va. during the Christmas season of 1975. When she headed back to her school, Mississippi University for Women, she had resolved to seek the peace she saw in Christians at the International House.

On each of the buses she rode back to Mississippi, she unwittingly sat beside Christians who spent most of the ride telling her of their joy in Christ. "When I look back, I see how the Lord had a hand in it," she said.

Her salvation was only the beginning since she has now dedicated herself to evangelistic service. Her pastor recommended she visit New Orleans Seminary and she says, "I met such



nice people, toured around, and loved the atmosphere. I was determined to come. When she notified her family of the decision, they were displeased and told her they were counting on her to support the family after she completed her bachelor's degree in business administration. The Lau had been withholding from their eldest daughter the news of an illness that had partially incapacitated her father.

"I praise the Lord for my father's illness though, because only through that did I learn humility," the diminutive student says. "Always before it had been easy for me to give, but it took a lot for me to receive. When my college church agreed to support me here at seminary, I was forced to learn grace in both situations. It also taught me that with God, anything can succeed."

Miss Lau terms her first year seminary experience "wonderful." She says, "I am learning from classes and people around me. I enjoy the fellowship, and the opportunity to serve in a Chinese church where we understand each other."

Pressed with the urgency of relating Christ to her family, Miss Lau was stunned this past Christmas with the surprise gift of a two-way ticket to Hong Kong. The ticket was paid for by the girls of her dorm and several faculty members of the seminary family.

Emily spent nearly a month in her home, her first visit there in nearly four years. She returned to New Orleans Seminary aglow with the good news that the Holy Spirit was definitely making progress with her family. "In the name of observation, change favors only the prepared mind," Louis Pasteur

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## Only Prayer Can Do It!

### Upon This Rock



Left to right are Bobby Tuitos, director of the campaign, Guy Gray, pastor, and Larry Banks, co-director.

October 12, 1977, the Immanuel Church, Vicksburg voted to enter into the CHURCH BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS TOWARD THE ERECTION OF SANCTUARY AND EDUCATION SPACE TO PROVIDE FOR 600 PEOPLE. The goals set by the church were: Victory—\$75,000; Challenge—\$100,000; Hallelujah—\$125,000.

At the banquet total pledges of \$77,925 were announced. By Tuesday night total pledges had reached \$122,650 and the Hallelujah goal was raised to \$150,000. On Sunday night during the Victory Service the director announced that total pledged to date was \$144,050.

The Church Building Fund Campaign has been a success in the church from the beginning. Monday night following the banquet, one of the men said, "The campaign has been worth it if we don't get another dime." The following Sunday night at the Victory Service, one person after another spoke of the blessings they had received as a result of their participation. They talked of having experienced a revival in their hearts. One of the men said, "There is a better spirit in our church than I have seen in the past 25 years. Our church has experienced a spiritual revival."

"THE CHURCH BUILDING FUND PROGRAM HAS TRULY BEEN A BLESSING TO OUR PEOPLE," says Guy Gray, pastor.

Clarence H. Cutrell of the Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion Department served as consultant.

## 100 Complete Professional Growth Course

NASHVILLE — Two pastors and a denominational employee brought to 100 the number of persons who have participated in the Personal and Professional Growth Course first offered in 1971 by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board.

The three who completed the course in January are Robert Gray, pastor of Edenton Baptist Church, Edenton, N. C., Tom Suiter, pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and James Powell, associate director of program promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission, Nashville.

"The 12-day course is designed to provide a comprehensive look at the personal and professional strengths of pastors or church staff members," said Brooks Faulkner, who directs the course with Walter Bennett. Both are consultants in the church administration department.

No more than three persons participate in the course at one time.

Registration for the Personal and Professional Growth Course is \$100. Dates are negotiable with Brooks Faulkner, church administration department.

## National Baptist Group Plans City-Wide Youth Revival

A city-wide youth revival will be held March 5-11 at New Mount Zion Baptist Church (National Baptist) at 140 West Maple St., Jackson. It is being sponsored by the Jackson District Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. Services will begin each night at 7.

Seven speakers are scheduled, one for each service. They will be: Sun. March 5 — Jonathan Grant, Georgia; Mon. March 6 — Willie Cousin, Florence; Tues. March 7, Charlie Jackson,

Jackson; Wed., March 8, Thomas E. Ray, Jr., Jackson; Thurs., March 9, Barry Taylor, Jackson; Fri., March 10, Claude Tucker, Jackson; and Sat. March 11, Prince Mtamba, Kwazulu, South Africa.

A 500-voice youth choir is being developed by Mrs. Lannie Ree Spann McBride. The choir will sing in each service and will present a concert in the closing service.

Allen A. Griffin and Charlie Jackson are co-chairmen of the general youth crusade planning committee. Leon Bell is pastor of the New Mount Zion Church and moderator of the association.



Men do not stumble over mountains but over molehills.

## First, Hazlehurst, Names Holcomb Pastor Emeritus

Rowe C. Holcomb became pastor emeritus of First Church, Hazlehurst, in a special service Feb. 5.

Holcomb began his ministry in Hazlehurst in 1949 and served the church faithfully for over 20 years.

Those taking part in the recognition of his ministry were Chester Vaughn, program director of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the first minister of education at First Church, Hazlehurst; James H. Brewer, Mrs. Brewer and their daughter, Lisa, and Van Dyke Quick, vice president for student affairs, Mississippi College. Brewer, assistant dean of Mississippi College graduate school and Mrs. Brewer, assistant principal, East Side School, Clinton, were united in matrimony by Holcomb. Quick surrendered to the ministry during Holcomb's tenure as pastor.

Mrs. A. A. Roebuck and Louis Reno presented special music. Reno shared his testimony as one who was baptized

while Holcomb was pastor. Robert M. Hanvey, Pastor, brought the morning message.

Friends from Hazlehurst, Copiah County, and various locations in Mississippi and Louisiana gathered to honor Rowe Holcomb. Mrs. Mary Gaye Eichler and Rusty Holcomb, children of the Holcombs, and Carla Eichler, their only grandchild, were present for the occasion, as were Mrs. J. A. Box and James Box, sister and nephew of Holcomb. Mrs. Eichler is employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. Rusty is a senior at Mississippi College.

Holcomb is still ministering throughout Copiah County. He is presently interim pastor of Shady Grove Church.

"The ministry of Rev. Holcomb and his family will be remembered for many years to come by First Baptist Church and his friends throughout the Convention," stated Pastor Hanvey.



FRONT ROW (left to right): P. B. Perkins, chairman of deacons, Louis Reno, Chester Vaughn, Mrs. Chester Vaughn, James Brewer, Lisa Brewer, Mrs. James Brewer. SECOND ROW (left to right): R. E. Green, Committee Chairman, Donald Brown, minister of music, Van Dyke Quick, Robert Hanvey, Mrs. Rowe Holcomb, Rowe Holcomb, Rusty Holcomb, Mary Gaye Holcomb Eichler, Carla Eichler, Mrs. J. A. Box, James Box.

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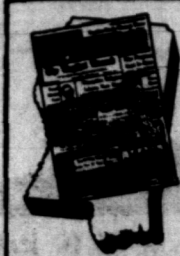
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## Just For The Record



THE ROYAL AMBASSADORS and Girls in Action of Oloh Church in Lamar County helped the church more than double the Lottie Moon goal. The R.A.'s and G.A.'s pictured here earned \$549.93 in a walkathon.

The Youth Choir of Priceville Church, Tupelo, held a rockathon to help raise money for their summer choir tour. The young people raised \$900 in the event which lasted from 7 p.m. on Jan. 27 to 7 a.m. on Jan. 28. The choir and the girls' ensemble, Sunshine will sing in Arkansas in July, under direction of Gregg Thomas, minister of music. Robert Daniel is the pastor.

Parkway Church, Jackson County, is renovating the sanctuary. This includes installation of new lights, new pews, and carpet. Also the church is building a new education unit. Kenna Byrd is the pastor.

Members of Unity Church near Leakesville, joined in a fellowship supper Feb. 1, honoring their pastor, Claude Killian and his family upon their moving to another pastorate, Sapa Church near Eupora. He was presented a gift of cash along with words of appreciation. Killian is a graduate of William Carey College, and former student of New Orleans Seminary. His wife, Earnestine is the daughter of J. W. Nolen, retired Baptist minister. They are the parents of three girls; Vicki, Laura, and Gina. There was significant progress during his pastorate at Unity. A new four-room brick parsonage was built under his leadership.

Arcola Church, Washington County, has elected Henry Hearn as deacon and on Jan. 22 ordained Coach James Branning and L. E. Pritchett as deacons. On Feb. 4 the men of the church held their annual breakfast in the education building. This preceded Layman's Day, Feb. 5, when Otis Evans, layman, brought the morning message. Cecil Mulloy is pastor.

Adults of Calvary Church, Meridian, were invited to a banquet on Feb. 9 with a Middle East flavor. It was at the Meridian Garden Center. Some highlights of entertaining were a gourmet lesson in Egyptian cooking presented by Kay Hill, and some interesting facts concerning Arab courtship, shared by Sam Boswell. Guest entertainer was "The Singing Surgeon," Dr. Jim Matthews. (A number of the church families had recently made a trip to the Middle East.) Dr. Matthews was also guest entertainer for the youth banquet on Feb. 11. Otis Seal is the Calvary pastor.

Kreole Avenue Church, Jackson County, celebrated being debt free by burning notes on Jan. 8. Special services were held morning and afternoon with lunch at the church. Joe Blackwell, former pastor, brought the morning message. Zeno Wells, executive director, Jackson County Association, spoke in the afternoon. Wilbur Hall is pastor.

One of the delicate jobs in life is teaching the kids how to avoid hurting other people's feelings without being liars. — Record, Mt. Vernon, Mo.



### Oakhurst Appreciates Pastor

Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, recently honored the pastor, Glenn Sullivan, with a Pastor Appreciation Day. The morning service was planned around his favorite hymns; and one of his former pastors, Joe Odle, did the preaching. Testimonies by three members were given. A dish dinner was served in Fellowship Hall at which time special music was provided by the Men's Quartet, the Ladies' Quartet, and the Jubilee Choir (Senior Adults). Sullivan was presented with several gifts. Pictured left to right are his sons, Eric and Haig; his wife, Danny Faye; Sullivan; and Odle. Special guests were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carley Sullivan of Crystal Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quick of Jackson, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Faye Jones of Belzoni.

## A Picnic In February?

Can you believe a picnic in February? As cold and cloudy and snowy as it has been? Young folks of First Church, Kosciusko, had one — a Groundhog Day Picnic, in fact.

They didn't have to bundle up too much, because the picnic was inside the church. Fellowship Hall was decorated like a picnic ground, with picnic tables, barbecue grill, plastic plates and forks, the whole bit.

What was on the menu? Ground hog, naturally. Sausage dogs and ham sandwiches.

Berry C. Corbett, minister of youth and 36 young people came to the picnic. Pastor Ed Gandy came too, and his inspirational talk added warmth to the winter picnic.



### Gives Quilt To Pastor

Mrs. Annie Kersh, left, one of the oldest members of Rock Hill Church near Brandon, gave Shirley and Vance Dyess, right, a quilt for Christmas — one that she had made herself. Dyess is interim pastor at Rock Hill. Mrs. Kersh, 88, has been an active and faithful member. Because she loves her church and doing things for others she has made and given 34 quilts to friends and relatives. She and her husband, before his death, enjoyed keeping many of their pastors in their home for a week or for overnight.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

James Bickham, minister of music for East McComb Church, was coordinator for the District Keyboard Festival held at First Church, McComb, on Jan. 26. Buddy Casey was incorrectly named as the coordinator in last week's Baptist Record.

Herman McAlpin of Sumrall, former pastor at Rummelston, is in Veterans' Hospital, Jackson. He was scheduled to have open heart surgery on Monday of this week.

Sue Ellen Page, director of the Orff-Schulwerk and Children's Choir program at the Hochstein Community Music School in Rochester, NY, will direct the Laurel Children's Choir Festival and Workshop to be Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Laurel. This year's festival will involve close to 90 children, grades 4-6, from choirs of First Baptist, First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, and St. John's Episcopal Church in Laurel. The workshop is sponsored by the Laurel Arts League and these churches. It is made possible through the Mississippi Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. All who are interested may attend. The registration fee is \$7.50.

Mrs. William Waller, former Mississippi First Lady, will present a study lecture on the restoration of the Governor's mansion on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 12:15-1:30 p.m., in the Media Center on the campus of Mississippi College. The program sponsored by the Mississippi College art department, will feature a slide presentation of the mansion restoration. During her term as First Lady, Mrs. Waller researched and restored the Mississippi Governor's Mansion which has since been designated as a Registered National Historic Landmark — the second governor's mansion in the U.S. to be so designated. Other achieve-

ments include the naming of a state animal, the white-tailed deer; a state fish, the large-mouth bass; a state water mammal, the porpoise; a state sea shell, the oyster shell; and a state water fowl, the wood duck.



William S. Hardin, 6509 Bowlrite Dr., Sarasota, Fla., and Mrs. Hardin celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Jan. 9. He also celebrated his 50th year as a Baptist pastor — in Drew, Miss.; Titusville, Venice, and Sarasota, Fla. Mississippi natives, they were married on Jan. 9, 1928 in Clinton. They graduated from Mississippi and Hillman Colleges. Hardin also graduated from Southern Seminary. Mrs. Hardin has served as church organist and has been active in youth and adult organizations.

Oak Park Church, New Orleans, ordained David E. Buck, Jr. on Jan. 25 to the gospel ministry. Buck is a graduate of Davidson College and New Orleans Seminary. He is serving as assistant pastor of Oak Park. He plans to pursue his education at Princeton University working toward his doctorate. He is married to the former Phyllis Wagner and they have two daughters. He grew up in the Colonial Heights Church, Jackson. Those participating in the service were Joe H. Cothen, Fisher Humphreys, Claude Howe, Olin Strange and the pastor of the church, Russell McIntire. Buck's father, chairman of deacons at Oak Park, presented the Bible.



### Beyond the Ironing Board

You just can't thread a straight pin, can you?

The other day James and I were traveling, and I was working on a quilt square as we rode along. Suddenly my needle broke, and I wearily said, "Oh, now I'll lose this whole three hours' work on my quilt."

James said, "We won't let a little thing like a broken needle bother us, will we?"

"Well, all I have is straight pins and I surely can't thread one of those."

"There are stores all along the way which sell needles."

"Fine. Let's buy some."

Stopping at the next town, we went needle-shopping. As I looked at the packages of needles, figuring that as many needles as I knew were at the house, I would not need to buy a large supply, I picked up a package that heralded itself as a group of self-threading needles. Surely such a package belonged on the joke counter. But as we read it and looked at the illustrations, we decided that, sure enough, it should work. So we bought the package.

And, sure enough, no more aiming the bifocals on that trip. Simply enough, I followed the instructions, held the thread and needle between thumb and forefinger of one hand and sprung the thread down into the eye through a very tiny slot at the top of the needle.

Broken needles and straight pins with heads instead of eyes notwithstanding, the pesky situation turned into a nice experience, a new experience, and a new tool for me to use for as long as I can find the needles to buy.

A really small example this is, to be sure. But no matter the measure of many experiences, often something good and lasting can come from them. There are a bunch of things in life which are a lot more important than self-threading needles, I am aware, but the point is that we not let the broken needles get us frustrated and peeved, but that we find the working out of things an indication of life's abundance.

## Action

Will the ACTION enrolment plan work in a small church? It worked in the Tinsley Church in Yazoo Association. According to Philip Duncan, pastor, the Tinsley Church had a Sunday School enrolment of 73 with an average attendance of 50 prior to Enrolment Sunday.

Adhering to the prescribed procedures recommended in the ACTION Manual, 50 new members were enrolled. During the month following ACTION, the average attendance went from 50 to 74.

Duncan says, "In spite of some extremely bad weather, those participating were still enthusiastic and displayed a very positive attitude toward reaching people."

You are urged to consider the results of the ACTION Enrolment Plan as used at the Tinsley Church. Then make your plans to be a part of the state-wide ACTION enrolment emphasis for 1978, especially during the month of September.

## Bangladesh Mission Elects 3 From State

Three of the four elected officers of the Bangladesh Baptist Mission for this year are Mississippians. James E. Young of Thomaston is the mission chairman. R. T. Buckley of Picayune is the vice chairman. Tom Thurman of Monticello is the mission treasurer. The fourth elected officer is Danny Hill of Georgia. He serves the mission as secretary.

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Gulfport Bayou Baptist Church		Dr. Billy Simmons, Professor New Orleans Baptist Seminary

TIME... 9:30-12:00 Noon

PURPOSE: To train pastors or other instructors who will be conducting a Baptist Doctrine Study for church members in 1978.



# New Sects Claim Allegiance Of Confused Young Persons

By George Sheridan  
ATLANTA (BP)—Twenty-one-year-old Emily was searching for people who "made God a dynamic part of their lives."  
She thought she found them in 1974 when she joined the Unification Church. Moving into a Charlotte, N.C., church center, Emily sold flowers from early morning until past midnight, raising about \$200 a day.  
When she failed to meet her \$200 quota, she would be humiliated by leaders who made her feel she was disappointing God and denying people "the blessing of giving."  
While at Charlotte, Emily also cooked breakfast and packed lunches for 40 people, getting up at 5 a.m. after only four or five hours sleep. She was

continually tired. But she loved the work. "I felt needed," she said.  
After more than a year and a half, Emily went to Washington, D.C., to participate in the church's Bicentennial rally at the Washington Monument.  
There Emily met an old friend who urged her to visit her mother. The church gave Emily permission—a turning point in her religious pilgrimage.  
Emily's mother arranged for a former member of the church to "deprogram" her. Emily resisted at first but then she "put the whole situation in God's hands."  
Emily left the church in 1976.  
Her experience with the Unification Church was much like those of many

young persons dealing with the more than 1,300 new religions that emerged in the U. S. since 1965. These sects, ranging from Oriental philosophy to "Jesus people," have been the principle feature of a decade of religious resurgence in the U. S.  
In addition to the Unification Church, they include Hare Krishna movement, the Church of Scientology, the Hold Order of Mans, The Way, the Divine Light Mission and followers of various gurus, meditation forms and even diets.  
The groups surviving into the late 70's are generally small. The Unification Church numbers only about 3,000 core members. But hard-core, primarily young adherents make them more than "a transitory cultural aberration," says Jacob Neddleman, professor at San Francisco State University.  
They are, instead, Neddleman says, "a central feature of the profound change through which America is passing."

According to a Gallup survey, most of the participants in the new sects are 18 to 24 years old. Of all the persons surveyed, only 25 percent are still involved. But that is enough to cause a slow rise in memberships.

The sects are also gaining financial stability. Several own vast tracts of real estate and major interests in financial and health institutions.

The Church of Scientology, one of the older "new" sects, was founded in 1954 by L. Ron Hubbard, a former Hollywood movie director and writer of science fiction. His religion is based on the assumption that humanity is basically good and seeks to survive, but is burdened with a painful past and by sins.

Hubbard left directorship of the church in 1966 but continues involvement in church operations and receives a large income from it. In May, 1977, the Church of Scientology claimed worldwide membership of 5.1 million.

Last year representatives of the Divine Light Mission (DLM) of child guru Maharaj Ji reported dramatic changes in philosophy and organization. The guru's extravagant trappings were largely eliminated; his dictatorial leadership status revised. Devotees no longer kiss his feet; the concept of him as God incarnate and perfect master is fading.

Recently the mission closed its health clinics and businesses except for a food cooperative in Denver, location of its headquarters. Its 1976 reports indicate some 300 persons live in DLM "ashrams." Monthly income, through gifts and earnings, totaled \$315,000, up from \$200,000 the previous year.

With headquarters on a farm in New Knoxville, Ind., The Way Biblical Research Center was started in 1953 by director Paul Wierville. It came of age with the Jesus Movement in the early 70's.

The Way sends out "Word over the World (WOW)" ambassadors to the United States and other countries. Ambassadors practice healing and speaking in tongues. They charge for classes, sell books and tapes. Wierville denies the deity of Jesus.

The communal Children of God also arose with the Jesus Movement. While the sect seems to have faded in this country, "colonies" exist in many other countries.

About 1969, two predecessor groups, "Teens for Christ" and "Revolutionaries for Jesus," merged. Both had been dominated by David Brand Berg—also known as "Moses" or "David Moses." Berg rests atop the Child of God pyramid.

As "God's saved people," the Children of God emphasize the last days. Converts are taught to distrust any teachings but the sect's own.

Anyone can join the International Society for Krishna Consciousness in three immediate steps: chant the "maha-mantra"; observe the society's strictures against meat-eating, gambling, illicit sex and ingesting intoxicating substances (including drugs, alcohol, coffee and tobacco); and dedicate one's life to Krishna.

Between 3,000 and 5,000 persons live in the 30 Hare Krishna temples in the United States according to the New York temple public relations director. Perhaps three times that number attend the temple on weekends but are not full-fledge devotees.

Moon founded the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of the World Christianity — the Unification Church in Korea in 1954 and brought it to America in the early 70's. The church's guidebook is a "revelation given by God to Sun Myung Moon." The church claims centers in 120 American cities.

The theology and practices of the church have moved the National Council of Churches and several individual denominations to issue statements denying it is Christian.

Why are so many young persons attracted to these new religions?

Of several hundred Unification members surveyed by J. Stillson Judah, professor in the Graduate Theological Center in Berkeley, Calif., half were between age 22 and 26 when they joined the Unification Church. Most were college dropouts.

Fifty-two percent said their parents were regular church goers; 29 percent considered themselves Christian before joining. But few saw themselves

## Max Lyall To Give Concert At Parkway

Pianist / composer Max Lyall will present concerts of sacred piano music during morning worship services at Parkway Church, Jackson, Feb. 19. Bill Causey, pastor, said Lyall will participate in services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Lyall is assistant professor of church music at Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California. He is noted as a keyboard soloist and accompanist, vocal soloist, composer and arranger.

Triangle Records, Nashville, released Lyall's *Authentic Original* featuring hymn-tune piano improvisations in 1977. He has been featured as piano and harpsichord soloist with the Nashville Symphony, Nashville Chamber Orchestra, Nashville Symphony String Quartet, and Nashville Pro Musica chorus and orchestra.

Lyall is accompanist for The Centurymen of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

He is currently completing his dissertation for the doctorate of musical arts degree in piano at the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

## Truth To Sing At Meridian, Oakland Heights

TRUTH will perform in the Temple Theater in Meridian on March 2 at 7:30 p.m. This concert is being sponsored by the youth of Oakland Heights Church.

Tickets to the concert may be purchased through the mail from Oakland Heights Baptist Church, 5718 Fifth St., Meridian, 39301. Ticket prices are \$5, \$4, and \$3 for reserved seats and \$2 for general admission. However, any church group that purchases a block of 15 or more seats in the \$4 or \$3 sections may reduce the price of each individual ticket by \$1. This offer does not apply to the \$5 or \$2 sections.

## Record Employee's Step-Daughter Dies

Mrs. Sherry M. Thompson, 34, of Jackson, died Feb. 1 at Methodist Hospital in Memphis after a long illness. She was the step-daughter of Mrs. Ina McFall of Braxton, employee of the Baptist Record.

The funeral was Feb. 4 at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home in Jackson.

Survivors other than her step-mother include a 14-year-old daughter, Lisa Thompson of Jackson; her father, Oscar McFall of Braxton; a foster child, Mrs. Carla Buzzard of Joplin, Mo.; two brothers; and three sisters.

Mrs. Thompson, born in Louisville, Ky., had spent the greater part of her life in Jackson. She was a graduate of Central High School and was executive secretary for Carter Equipment Company for several years. She was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

## Congratulations To Ingalls Avenue!

Congratulations are in order for the Ingalls Avenue Church of Pascagoula.

There are 68 church elected workers in the Sunday School. Through the leadership of Allen Webb, pastor, and Richard Collum, minister of education, a goal for 1977 was to have 100% participation in a course of study leading to a diploma in Sunday School leadership. Fifty-nine of the 68 workers enrolled in at least one course and this past week the Mississippi Sunday School department forwarded diplomas to 15 persons.

A special effort is being made to encourage all the workers to complete requirements for diplomas.

Webb states, "Participation in a teacher-training program has raised considerably the level of teaching and enthusiasm for the Sunday School program in the Ingalls Avenue Church."

as strong or active Christians.

More than a third had used hard drugs; 16.5 percent had arrest records, mainly for drug offenses. Before joining the Unification Church, 42.5 percent said they had opposed authority. Almost all approve authority now.

Many see the new sects as attracting dependent minds which don't know how to think for themselves. "After you become a member," claims one critic, "there is no more thought, only recall."

Emily Hill, herself deprogrammed, feels she was susceptible to recruitment because she wanted to be an active part of the Christian movement but found many Christians weak in their commitments.

Until Christian churches provide a comparable sense of community and purpose, Hill says, they will continue to lose many young people to "the new sects."

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## R&TV Gives Abe Lincoln Annual Awards

Evangelist Billy Graham has been awarded the Distinguished Communications Medal by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth. He was lauded for his unique position in American and world history and for "persistently presenting the claims of God" in a world of constant change.

In addition, Richard M. Schafbuch of Denver's KOA Stations and Charles Thornton, Jr., general manager of WTRI Radio, Brunswick, Md., have received the 1978 Abe Lincoln Awards from the commission. The Abe Lincoln Awards are given for outstanding service to the industry and to the broadcaster's home community.

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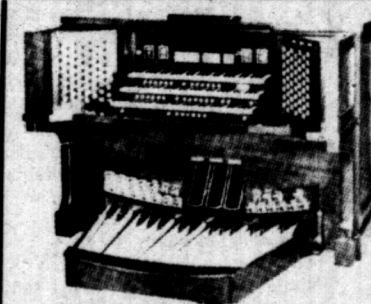
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## Staff Changes

Green's Creek Church of Petal has called Ricky Hamm as part-time minister of music and youth. Hamm is a graduating senior at the University of Southern Mississippi where he will receive a B.A. degree in church music in May. Ralph Kelly is Green's Creek pastor.

Mike Chandler is the new minister of music for Four Mile Creek Church, Jackson County. Donnie Boutwell is pastor.

Jan Cochran is now serving as minister of music at Martin Bluff Church, Jackson County. Ray Moncrief, pastor.

## Presidential Firsts

Calvin Coolidge was the first American President to have his inaugural address go out to the country over radio.

John Quincy Adams was the first President to wear long trousers instead of knee breeches at his inauguration.

Poplar Flat Church, Louisville (Winston) has called Ben Mitchell as pastor. He had served as interim pastor since August. He and his wife Nancy were from Dalton, Ga., where he was active in jail, nursing home, and cassette tape ministries. Mitchell is working on his B.A. degree at Mississippi State University and plans to attend New Orleans Seminary.



# Missionary Prayer Calendar To Be Published Quarterly

The Brotherhood Commission and Baptist Sunday School Board are combining their efforts to involve Baptist men and boys in prayer for missionaries.

Beginning with the April-June, 1978 issue, the two agencies will offer Southern Baptists a Bible readers guide with a missionary prayer calendar.

The Sunday School Board will publish the quarterly prayer calendar while the Commission will advertise it through publications to men and boys and include it on the Brotherhood periodicals order form.

Cost of the prayer calendar is 10 cents per copy in bulk and 50 cents a year for a single subscription.

Glenda McCullough, executive di-

rector of the Commission, said the missionary prayer calendar provides in one compact piece a plan for systematic prayer for Southern Baptist foreign and home missionaries and daily Bible readings for Baptist men and Pioneer Royal Ambassadors.

Names of home and foreign missionaries are listed on their birthdays as objects of prayer.

## Missionaries On Furlough

Missionaries now on furlough in Mississippi are:

Stanley and Glenna Stamps, Nicaragua, 208 E. Main St., Clinton; Bill and Terry Peacock, Korea, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson; Bob and Flora Holifield, Italy, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson; Tom and Hazel Barron, Indonesia, 921 Jackson Ave., Columbia; Major and June McDaniel, Korea, 818 Main St., Natchez;

Dot Lott, Brazil, 606 Graymont Ave., Hattiesburg; Jimmy and Charlotte Watts, Italy, 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg; John and Elizabeth Merritt, Germany, Univ. of So. Miss., Southern Station, Hattiesburg; Russell and Annette Herrington, Costa Rica, 520 Magazine St., Tupelo.

St. Paul, Minn. (RNS) — All Minnesota schools would be required to teach the Biblical account of a six-day creation along with the theory of evolution under a bill to be introduced in the Minnesota Legislature. If they failed to do so, they could lose their public funding, according to the measure.

## Devotional

### A Cheerful Giver

By Evie Landrum Goodrich, Clinton

"God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9, 7b). Being stewards of our possessions should cause us to pause frequently and ask ourselves what kind of givers we are.



Goodrich

to him. He received the gifts gladly because they were given by loving members of his family.

That sermon made me examine myself and I have tried to improve upon the spirit of my giving. When we give grudgingly, we are not numbered with the hilarious givers.

As we meditate upon the gift that God made in giving His only Son to save us, we are sure that His gift excelled any gift that we can make.

We should be thrilled that God has blessed and prospered us with something to give, and we should practice thanking Him and ask Him to use our gift so that it will glorify His name.

(NOTE: The writer is the widow of A. L. Goodrich, a former editor of the Baptist Record.)

## Off The Record

### GOOD LISTENER

Lord Randolph Churchill, father of Sir Winston, was a man of impeccable courtesy, who never interrupted a speaker, no matter how tedious the recitation.

One night at his club, he was cornered by a bore who began to recount a dull story. After some minutes, Lord Randolph could stand it no longer. Excusing himself, he walked over to one of the attendants and said: "Will you please listen to him until he has finished? I have to leave."

### ANTISEPTIC

A child's persistent sniffing annoyed a woman standing next to him. "Young man," she demanded, "have you got a handkerchief?"

"Yes," replied the child, "but my mother won't let me lend it to anybody."

### NEW THOUGHT

"You want more salary? Why, my boy, I worked three years for fifteen dollars a month right in this store, and now I'm owner of it."

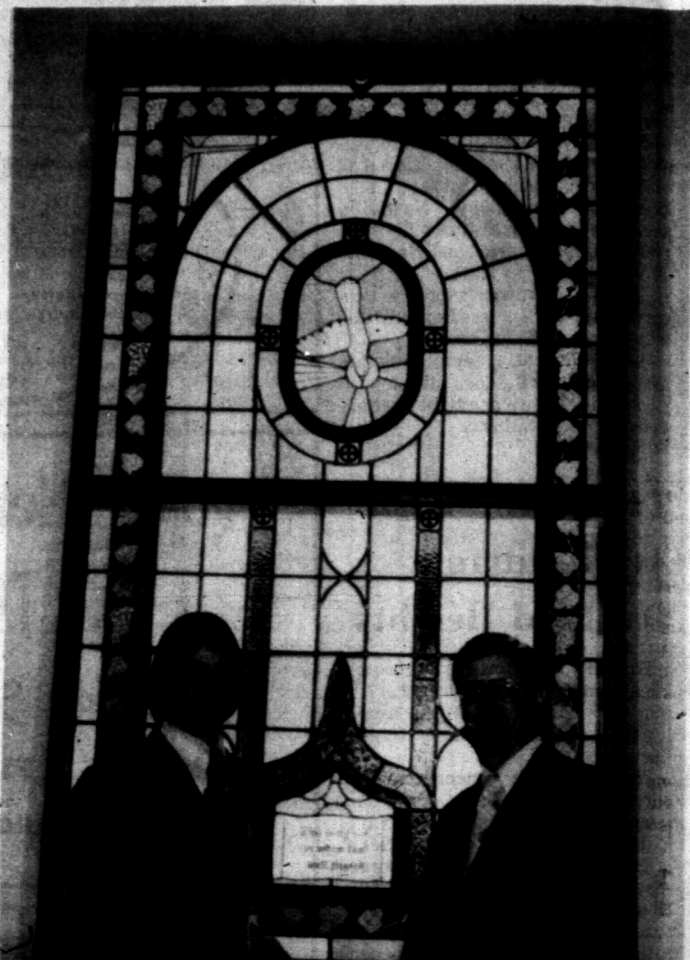
"Well, you see what happened to your boss. No man who treats his help that way can hang on to his business."

You can't choose your ancestors, but that's fair enough. They probably wouldn't have chosen you, either.

Elderly Man: "I read that in our city a man is run over every 30 minutes." His Wife: "Poor fellow!"

A professor once spent a long time figuring out why professors are absent-minded. But he forgot the answer.

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### Ingomar Remodels Sanctuary

Ingomar Church, New Albany, recently completed the remodeling of their sanctuary. Part of the project included the installation of 12 original stained glass windows. Each window depicts some aspect of the life of Christ. Shown admiring the finished work with the pastor, W. Frank Lay (right) is George Waldrop of Expressive Stained Glass of Byhalia, who designed and made the beautiful windows.

## Uniform Lesson

# Meeting God In The Sanctuary

By Hardy R. Denham, Jr.

First, Newton  
Psalms 84

The scriptures contain a strong emphasis on worship. Public worship, or the assembly of God's people, is an aspect of this activity which is strongly emphasized. In a definite sense worship is the greatest act of which man is capable and the most important thing he does. In worship a man recognizes his creaturehood and he acknowledges the Lord as the Creator and giver of life.

Worship was a place-centered activity in the period of the Old Testament. While other peoples worshipped multiple gods in a variety of places or temples, the Hebrews worshipped the one Lord in the one place where He put His name (Deuteronomy 12:5, 11). That place where God first put His name was the tabernacle built in the wilderness (Exodus 25-31, 35-40), and later the temple built by Solomon in Jerusalem. Since name and personhood are synonymous in the Old Testament, the tabernacle and temple were places where God dwelt in a special sense.

The 84th Psalm is a hymn about worship and the God who is worshipped. It declares the psalmist's love for the place of worship and loyalty to the One who was worshipped.

### I. The Delight In The Place Of Worship — Verses 1-4

The sanctuary where God was worshipped was a place the psalmist longed to enter. He considered the place to be one of exquisite beauty (verse 1). This was true of the interior of the tabernacle, or portable worship place that served the Hebrews before the permanent temple was built. It was even more true of the temple built by Solomon. It is possible for people today to spend too much money building church facilities, but a disservice is done our God and the duty of worship if the places where men meet God in public worship are not places of beauty and dignity.

However, for some unknown reason the psalmist had been kept from the place of worship (verse 2). He experienced a deep-seated longing to be in the "courts of the Lord." Some who have been kept from public worship because of illness know what the psalmist felt.

The psalmist delighted in the place

of worship because it was a place of refuge and blessings for all. Reference is made to two very common birds — the sparrow and swallow (verse 3). The sparrow represented the insignificant (Matthew 10:29, 31; Luke 12:6), and the swallow, the most active of birds, represented men who live life in high gear. It makes no difference who or what a man is, he needs to worship. Life is immeasurably blessed through worship (verse 4).

### II. The Dividends From The Performance Of Worship Verses 5-9

The first dividend specified is strength for living (verse 5). The most sensible translation of this verse is that through worship men find the strength to travel the ways they must go. How often one feels he cannot do what he must do, only to pause in worship and discover the strength needed. A friend of mine has a plaque on his office wall that declares, "Hang in there." God gives the strength to do just that, and men find it in worship.

The second dividend presented is prosperity in life (verse 6). The valley of Baca stands for a desolate and difficult experience. It can be called a valley of tears or one of deep shadows. However, as a result of worship it is transformed into a place of beauty and refreshment. Through worship a person can turn sorrows into joys and sadness into happiness.

The third dividend is the knowledge of God's approval. The psalmist expressed a prayerful plea that the Lord would look upon his face (verses 8-9). Even though the anointed one may have been the king, it is also possible that this is a petition that the Lord would look with favor upon the worshiper. Certainly this is true for even though one is not to worship God for selfish reasons, the Lord does look upon the faithful worshiper with approval.

### III. The Declaration About The Priority Of Worship — Verses 10-12

The psalmist felt that the sanctuary was the best place of all to be (verse 10). As he thought of the places where he might spend his life and the activities in which he might engage, none compared to the place and performance of worship. Having recognized the dividends to be derived from worship, what greater thing could the man

do than to worship God continuously. Things should happen when men meet God in worship that would cause them to return for another great time in God's house.

The priority of worship is stressed by the truth that the Lord honors those who put worship first (verses 11-12). The Lord is described as the sun and shield of the believer. He is the One who provides sight and safety. Men stumble in the darkness of spiritual ignorance and become victims of Satan's wiles because they fail to put worship first in life. How much better

life would be for millions if they would only reorder their priorities and put worship first.

I read about some boys who broke into a store one night. They did not steal anything but they did change the prices of everything. Thus the next morning the clerks discovered that expensive objects were priced for only a few cents while cheap items were highly priced. Men have changed the values of life and one activity that is rated as useless is the practice of worship. This psalm puts the right evaluation on worship. It must be given priority.

## Life and Work Lesson

### The Lord's Prayer

By Bill Duncan, First, Long Beach  
John 17

There is a very funny television ad that always gets my attention. The idea is, "When E. F. Hutton speaks, everyone listens." The conversation stops, business stops, action stops to eavesdrop.

Our lesson this week is eavesdropping on God. Without question, John 17 is holy ground. Some Bible scholars call it the "center of sanctity." The reason so much attention is given to the passage is that it is a prayer, or even more important, it is a conversation between Jesus and His Heavenly Father. To study the passage is as if you were eavesdropping on a dialogue between Jesus and God. By our study of the passage we get a firsthand look at the mind of God. Therefore it is proper to read this with awe. Here is the great "high priestly prayer of Jesus Christ" spoken for our benefit. By the study we can see the relationship between Him and His Father, what He thinks of us and what He would have us do.

### Jesus Prays for Himself (verses 1-8)

For Jesus, life was for the cross. To Jesus the cross was the glory of life and the way to the glory of eternity.

There is only one way to glorify God and that is to obey God. Jesus glorified God on the cross by rendering the perfect obedience in the perfect love.

Jesus prayed to God to glorify Him and to glorify Himself. The cross was not the end. The resurrection was the vindication of Jesus. The glory of the resurrection obliterated the shame of the cross.

For Jesus the cross was the way back. Barclay said that Jesus was like a knight who left the king's court to perform some perilous deed, and who having performed it, came home in triumph to enjoy the visitor's glory. Thus the cross was His gateway to glory.

The New Testament definition of eternal glory can be found in John 17:3. "This is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." Eternal life is nothing other than the life of God. To know God is to know what God is like, and to be on the most intimate terms of friendship with God. Neither of these things is possible without Jesus Christ. Though Jesus we know what God is like; and through Jesus we enter into the friendship of God.

It is Jesus' claim that He showed to



### Education Commission Meets

The Mississippi Baptist Education Commission met recently on the campus of Mississippi College to discuss the role of Christian higher education in the state. Meeting with Kermit McGregor, right, Chairman of the Commission, are Baptist college presidents (L-R) S. L. Harris, president of Clarke College; Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College; Ralph Noonkester, president of William Carey College; and Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain College.

He prayed that they might live, "not as units, but as a unity." Where there is disunity, the cause of Christianity is harmed and hindered.

If a man is to serve God, he must have something of God's goodness and God's wisdom in him. This is why Jesus prayed that His disciples would be consecrated by the truth.

### Jesus Prayed For Future Believers

As Jesus prayed this prayer, we see His complete faith and confidence in the future. At that moment His followers were few and they were shaken in their faith. Yet His confidence was unshaken in the future because of His confidence in His disciples. He knew they did not fully understand Him and His Kingdom. To these men He looked with confidence to spread His name throughout the world. It is the great characteristic of Jesus that He never lost His faith in God or His confidence in men.

What was His prayer for the church to be? It was a unity of personal relationship. It was to be that unity which would convince the world of the truth of Christianity and of the place of Christ. The unity that the church should have would require supernatural explanation.

Unfortunately, the world sees a church today that seems to suggest that Christ's prayer has gone unanswered. While trying to keep the world out of the church, we have isolated the church from the world. The absence of unity has hindered the spread of Christian faith. But the confidence of Christ in the church has not died. He continues to encourage and direct the church to be of "one heart and mind." What keeps the prayer of Christ from being answered in your life?